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Dear Candy,

First day of spring - and something to celebrate about.

Richard and I duly met up with Donald Kendrick (in a stow storm) Yesterday and inspected the land at Terminus Drive, Pitsea.

We collected the cash at Dale Farm and gave him £260 to cover the Planning Application which will go in direct to Clyde Simpson on Friday (or latest Monday).

Hopefully he will have this by the time we go and see him on Tuesday.

It will be for Nine Yards, each to take two mobile homes, plus trailers and other vehicles.

These will be for the people most in need.

We will need good planners/lawyers to handle the inevitable Appeal When this is turned down by Basildon. Any suggestions?

If (about three years from now) we get Planning Permission, the next step would be to acquire the land from English Partnership with the help of funding from the Housing Corporation or other agency (The Government gave £2 million for the Colchester site).

To do this, the Dale Farm Housing Association will need to be properly Registered as a "Social Landlord".

I'm hoping we can use the meeting at the Church Hall on 29 March as as "Special General Meeting" and elect officers. Would you be willing to be an officer of the DFHA? Richard believes we should ask Father John Glynn to come on board too.

Richard has asked me to send on this video tape of the Twin Oaks Eviction (which you watched). It belongs to Michael Slattery - so if you Want one can you make a copy for yourself and return the original Next week? (Richard says Michael will cut his throat if its not returned).